

FRESH FISH GLUT.

Boston Dealers Have More Than They Want.

Prices on Cod and Haddock Take a Big Drop.

The Boston wholesale fish market is active and steady. The supply, especially of cod and haddock, is larger than it has been in many months, in fact too large for the wholesalers to handle. Three days of perfect fishing weather brought in an unusually large fleet, and T wharf and the surrounding wharves could not accommodate all the boats, many of which had to tie up to the East Boston side. At a late hour yesterday several skippers still had their cargoes in their boats and could not get a bid on the fish.

The receipts of mixed fish at T wharf Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were 1,748,500 pounds. For the same time last week they were 579,000 pounds. The receipts this week, by days were: Monday, 24 vessels, with a total of 551,500 pounds of mixed fish; Tuesday, 33 vessels, with 683,000 pounds; Wednesday, 30 vessels, with 514,000 pounds.

The supply of cod is much larger than the demand, and prices are very reasonable. Hake, cusk and pollock also are much lower. No western halibut has been received, nor is any expected until the early part of next week.

The haddock school has struck and the vessels are accordingly bringing in big fares. Haddock touched \$1 yesterday and the highest quotation on them to-day is \$1.50. From all indications the price will go lower before it is higher.

The schooners were packed in solidly between the fish pier and Commercial wharf, so that it would have been possible to have walked from one wharf to Continued on fourth page.

the other over the decks of the vessels.

The schooner John M. Keen, Capt. Hutchings, which arrived yesterday, has made eight trips to T wharf thus far this month, her crew sharing \$100 per man for their three weeks work.

Haddock sold this morning from \$1 to \$1.60 per hundred weight, with large cod bringing \$1.20 to \$2 and market cod \$1.50. The splitting prices at Boston this week have been \$1.50 for large cod, \$1 for market cod and 50 cents for cusk.

It is a well-known fact that all the haddock caught between November 1 and April 1 can be marketed, and there is no reason why during that time, they should sell for less than \$2 per hundred weight, that is if the fleet were divided, part coming here and part to Boston. But as it is with practically the whole fleet pushing into Boston with their big fares of fish, a slump is inevitable, as everything is one-sided. Five or six years ago, when Boston had full swing of the winter fleet, haddock sold as low as 45 cents per hundred weight. Some have sold for \$1 already this season, and the spurt of haddock has just begun. How much lower will they go?

Friday, Jan. 24th.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts

Sch. Edna Wallace Hooper, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Kentucky, Georges, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod, 65,000 lbs. haddock, 20,000 halibut
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, via Boston.
Sch. Pythian, via Boston.
Sch. Illinois, via Boston.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston.
Sch. Clara M. Littlefield, via Boston.
Sch. Grace Choate, shore.
Sch. Joseph Johnson, via Boston.
Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.
Sch. Renzi, via Boston.
Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.
Sch. Valkyrie, via Boston.
Sch. Edward A. Perkins, via Boston.
Sch. Speculator, via Boston.

To-day's Market

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75 large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod \$3.5-8 per cwt. for large and \$3.1-8 per cwt. for medium

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Newfoundland salt herring, \$3 per bbl.

Bank halibut, 13 cents per lb. for white and 9 cents for gray.

Boston

Jan. 21—Ar., sch. Olive May, 700 cod.
Sch. Two Sisters, 1500 cod.
Sch. Jennie and Agnes,
Haddock, \$2; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury was at Liverpool, on Monday.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Several new fishing boats are being built at Bay Bulls this winter. A fine schooner of 25 tons is being constructed for Mr. Weeks and many men are renovating and build new putings.

FROM BOSTON.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley Brings Her Entire Fare.

Sells to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua M. Stanley, came down from Boston yesterday afternoon and took out her fare, 25,000 pounds of haddock, at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

It seems almost incredible that although for three days Boston was overriden with arrivals and Boston dealers had more fish than they could handle, that the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. could not get fish enough out of Gloucester vessels to supply its ordinary demands and Manager Livigstone was obliged to buy a trip which had arrived at Boston, but such was the case.

At this port Capt. Stanley received \$2 per hundred weight for his haddock, while the market at Boston yesterday was from \$1.00 to \$1.60.

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HERRING NEWS.

Fish High and Scarce at Fortune and Placentia Bays.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper Four Days from Bonne Bay.

A dispatch from Placentia Bay, N. F., reports vessels paying as high as \$3.75 per barrel for herring. The weather was warm and there were some herring in nets.

Herring were plenty at Bay of Islands, F., Jan. 20. Schs. A. E. Whyland and Lizzie M. Stanwood would finish loading next day. All the American vessels there had secured cargoes. So says a letter from a gentleman in Salem who left Bay of Islands last Monday.

A dispatch from Fortune Bay, N. F., reports plenty of herring in deep water, but they have not struck in. Sch. Lena and Maui has been the only vessel to secure a full cargo there thus far and she is on the way home.

A dispatch from Black River, Placentia Bay, N. F., reports herring scarce and bringing \$3.50 per barrel.

Sch. Mystery is on the way home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Capt. Albert D. Mallock, arrived from Bonne Bay, N. F., last night, with a full fare of frozen herring, after a record passage of four days. Capt. Mallock reports a fine run home with warm weather and a splendid breeze. The vessel brings 100 barrels of frozen and 140 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Bohemia arrived at North Sydney on Tuesday morning on the way to Newfoundland for cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. Sarah E. Lee is on the way home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring.

"The failure of the Placentia Bay herring fishery is now indisputable. The American schooners which were at Sound Island have given up the quest as hopeless and gone round to Bay of Islands, where the fish are still abundant, to secure cargoes. Some captains are paying \$3 a barrel for the fish.

"Herring are very scarce at Black River, P. B., and 12 American vessels are there awaiting cargoes, but cannot get them. Even if the herring were there, there is no frost to cure them and the outlook for a successful season is gloomy.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald of Jan. 16, 17 and 18 prints the following herring news: "The herring fishery west is improving especially in Fortune Bay. For some years past these fish have gradually been returning to their old haunts and this winter have appeared in larger numbers than for many years. Twelve American vessels are now in the bay and have from 100 to 400 barrels frozen fish on board, with every prospect of loading if the weather continued favorable. One schooner took a full cargo of salt herring and has sailed for Boston. In Placentia Bay about the same number of Americans are looking for herring and prospects are fair that each will load. Great schools of these fish have been seen in deep water, while at Barren Is. three days ago John McCue barred off an enormous quantity, from which he realized \$2000 spot cash; the Americans vied with each other in their anxiety to obtain the fish. It is expected that all the foreign vessels in quest of herring will load.